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# RI 4-H NEWS



## Upcoming Events

**March 9:** Floral Arranging 2.0

**March 9:** SRI Corned Beef  
Supper Fundraiser

**March 19:** Botanical Painting  
Workshop (s)

**March 20:** Botanical Drawing  
Workshop

**April 5-7:** Photo Fine Arts Fair

**April 27:** Volunteer Professional  
Development

## Hippology Day

On February 11th the Rivendell Riders along with Haylee Balme held a fun equine science and husbandry day at the URI's East Farm. Thank you to Janiah Birdsell and the Rivendell Riders for taking the lead to help organize this outstanding event.



If you are interested in working with an animal but do not own one, then now is a great time to ask about 4-H management projects!

## Public Speaking 2024

55 4-H youth have been hard at work presenting one of a kind talks at the district public speaking contests. Four contests were held at William D'Abate Elementary school in Providence, Coventry High School and Newport Public Library. Thank you to all our volunteer room moderators and judges for providing feedback. Thirty two youth qualified for the state contest on March 2nd at URI, Kingston.

## Soups On

On February 21st, at URI we had a great Food and Nutrition workshop. Youth learned how to safely handle a knife, what foods look like under a microscope, cooking terms and how to properly measure. They also learned about food waste and how to store, prep and freeze food for later. Twelve youth and their parents participated and everyone agreed that they do not like chopping onions.

## Plant the Moon

Compete in an agri-space challenge alongside NASA scientists! 4-H teams are welcome to apply to this out-of-this-world challenge. Register for one of the information sessions to learn more.



**Did you know, many of these programs are free because the RI 4-H Club Foundation (a group of volunteers) partners with URI by fundraising to sponsor 4-H?**

**Learn more at <https://ri4hclubfoundation.org/>**



## Floral Arranging 2.0

On February 10th and March 9th, Sondra Stone taught youth skills and techniques of the floral trade. The first workshop focused on the kids of flowers, used and arrangements in oasis. The second workshop focused on vase displays. Thirty total youth participated, learning about careers and horticulture concepts.

# Volunteer & Club



## Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you Sondra Stone for organizing an awesome floral arrangement series!

## Upcoming Event

### Volunteer Professional Development Event

- April 27th, 2024
- Beginning at 10:30 AM
- **Networking:** Connect with fellow volunteers and youth members from different clubs, fostering valuable relationships and exchange of ideas.
- **Certification:** Earn a Cooperative Extension Certificate upon completion of the professional development training.
- **Recognition:** The most engaged volunteers and youth present at the training will receive a gift card as a token of appreciation for their contributions.
- **Collaboration:** Join us for a fun and collaborative session as we strategize for a successful year ahead.

## Member Spotlight

Great job, Janiah Birdsell from Rivendell Riders for organizing a spectacular Hippology Event for others, as her leadership project.

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